

# Academic Senate Resolution on Setting District Budget Priorities for Funds Derived from AB540 Student Enrollment and Associated Programs

Whereas the Academic Senate has the responsibility and purview for joint development for processes for institutional planning and budget development according to Title V §53200 and FHDA BP 2223; and

Whereas our undocumented students and staff are living through a time of deep fear and danger for themselves and for their families and many of them will need extra support and access to resources as we enter an uncertain future with respect to their status and safety in our communities, all of which they are already experiencing on an emotional level; and

Whereas, for our nearly 900 AB540 students we serve, the state gives the district a supplemental allocation of \$1,238.71 per FTES, contributing over \$1M to the general fund in 2023, and none of it comes to De Anza to directly support our undocumented students; and

Whereas the state gives De Anza College funding via AB 1645 to support undocumented students, funding which many colleges use to offer fellowships to undocumented students, while at De Anza that funding is used to pay for the HEFAS' full time program coordinator and for 10 hours per week of counseling support; and

Whereas, the De Anza Academic Senate has strongly and unanimously affirmed its commitment to and support of all members of our community, particularly those who are undocumented, transgender, or members of another disproportionately impacted group dealing with fear and uncertainty in the face of hostile actions from the highest points of government; therefore be it

**Resolved that** the Academic Senate of De Anza College calls on the Foothill De Anza Community College District and De Anza College to prioritize the distribution of funds derived directly from AB540 students to support programs at De Anza College which support AB540 and undocumented students including but not limited to funding for a full time counselor and a full time program coordinator.

**Resolved** that the Academic Senate of De Anza College recommends that once alternative funding for staff and counseling support has been identified that AB1645 funds be allocated to HEFAS to enhance direct financial support for AB540 and undocumented students.